



COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE
Meeting Summary Full Commission
October 19, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lindsey Allard Agnamba, Dr. Barbara Andrews, Michelle Belski, Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta, L'Ornya Bowie, Hashan Chowdhury, Blaise DeFazio, Diana Holzberger, Yvonne Iscandari, Jessica Kelley, Edward Krauze, Sybil Phillip, Laura Seminario-Thornton, Greg Smith, Lynn Sobolov, Greg Stevens, Barbara Warman, Dr. Mayme Williams, Lara Woodruff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Eggleston, Pamela Dunn, Krystle Estes, Brigid Howe, April Kaplan, Claudia Simmons

STAFF PRESENT: Erin Stillwell, DHHS; Sarah Wilch-Spamer, DHHS

Ed Krauze called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

Introduction of New Commissioners

- Greg Stevens
- Jessica Kelley
- L'Ornya Bowie
- Sybil Phillip
- Lara Woodruff
- (Krystle Estes-Absent)

Review of Meeting Summary

- Review of meeting summary/minutes from September 21, 2016

ACTION: Approval of the meeting summaries from September 21, 2016 full commission meetings; all in favor; meeting summaries approved without any changes.

Chair's Report (Ed Krauze)

- Update on County Council/HHS Committee Priorities Breakfast
- Ed Krauze represented the CCC and shared the priorities

Recap of Commission Priorities and Review of Recommendations

- Reviewed top priorities for new commissioners

- Reviewed draft of annual report recommendations; amendments made to the draft

ACTION: A motion was made to accept the recommendations with the current amendments; all were in favor of accepting the recommendation with amendments.

Update on Child Care Education Event

- Date for event is January 25, 2017
- Location is Executive Office Building
- 11:00 to 1:30 is reserved time; event will be one hour (11:30 registration/lunch; program to start at 12:00 p.m.; end at 1:00 p.m.)
- Audience: Councilmembers, Council Staff and other community stakeholders
- Lindsey has selected 2 videos as possible lead-ins (will be sent out to the CCC via email—should be viewed before the CCC committee meeting on November 2nd).
- Panel discussion-find people who can tell the story about the day to day life of parents/child care providers

Update on Strategic Plan (Barbara Andrews)

- All community focus groups have been completed
- Otero Strategy Group is now working on the compiling the findings and gathering additional research
- Draft version of the strategic plan will be presented to the County Council on December 1, 2016

State Early Care and Education Update (Barbara Andrews)

- Update on State HHS Joint Commission sessions co-chaired by Del. Kelly and Sen. King

Child Care Subsidy Program (Yvonne Iscandari)

- To date: 331 children on the waitlist; 212 families total
- Waitlist started to form in June 2016
- Waitlist includes those who are eligible, but funds are not available
- Waitlist is formed on a “first come/first serve” basis (not based on need)
- Exemption for families who are homeless-they do not go on the waitlist
- FY 16 Council gave additional funding for kids aged 2-5 and were receiving State subsidy
- FY 17 Council gave \$469,360 extra funding to the WPA program to serve the 2-5 children
- Of this extra funding: to date have issued \$590K in vouchers, but have only paid out \$102K to provider; unclear the reason why

Early Childhood Coordination Council (Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta)

No update

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Head Start has issued next new performance standards (Barb Warman)

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.